

**AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE TO THE 2008-2009
SMALL GAME - FURBEARER PROCLAMATION**

The following sections are added to the 2008-2009 Small Game-Furbearer Proclamation dated August 4, 2008.

37. DUCKS, COOTS, AND MERGANSERS

Low Plains Unit: Season Dates - September 27 through December 7, 2008. The daily bag limit shall be 5 ducks with species and sex restrictions as follows: 2 scaup, 2 redhead, 2 wood duck, only 1 from the following group: 1 hen mallard, or 1 pintail, or 1 canvasback. Possession limit is twice the daily bag limit. The daily limit for mergansers shall be 5 of which no more than 2 may be a hooded merganser. The daily limit for coots shall be 15. The possession limit for ducks, coots, and mergansers shall be twice the daily bag limit. The Low Plains Unit is that portion of North Dakota east of a line beginning at the South Dakota border, then north on U.S. 83 and I-94 to ND 41, then north on ND 41 to ND 53, then west on ND 53 to U.S. 83, then north on U.S. 83 to U.S. 2, then west on U.S. 2 to Williams County line, then north and west along the Williams and Divide County lines to the Canadian border.

High Plains Unit: Season Dates - September 27 through December 7, 2008 and December 13, 2008 through January 4, 2009. The daily and possession limits for ducks, coots, and mergansers shall be the same as that for the Low Plains Unit. The High Plains Unit is that portion of North Dakota west of the Low Plains Unit.

- 38. GEESE.** The season length and bag limits shall be separate for Canada geese, white-fronted geese and light geese. Canada geese include all Canada geese and any other geese except white-fronted geese and light geese. Light geese include snow geese (including blue geese) and Ross's geese.

Canada geese may be taken in the Missouri River Canada Goose Zone from September 27, 2008 through January 2, 2009. Canada geese may be taken in the remainder of the state from September 27 through December 25, 2008. The daily limit shall be 3 Canada geese. The possession limit shall be twice the daily bag limit.

White-fronted geese may be taken statewide from September 27 through December 7, 2008. The daily limit shall be 2 white-fronted geese. The possession limit shall be twice the daily bag limit.

Light geese may be taken statewide from September 27 through January 2, 2009. The daily limit shall be 20 light geese. There shall be no possession limit on light geese.

Disabled American Veterans goose hunting opportunity: On October 25 and 26, 2008, an area normally closed to the taking of geese shall be open for the taking of geese by Disabled American Veterans. This area is the Missouri River Waterfowl Rest Area from the Garrison Dam to Turtle Creek downstream from Washburn. Only disabled veterans, (military action related) are eligible to participate. Priority will be given based on the severity of disability. Further information and assistance in participation in this limited opportunity must be obtained by calling the D.A.V. Hunt Committee at 701-748-2550 prior to October 22, 2008 after October 22 call 701-748-6227.

39. **SHOOTING HOURS.** Shooting hours for ducks, coots, and mergansers shall be one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. Except as noted below, the shooting hours for geese shall be from one-half hour before sunrise to 1 p.m. each day including opening day through November 1, 2008. Starting November 2, 2008 shooting hours for geese shall be from one-half hour before sunrise to 2 p.m. each day. Shooting hours for geese shall be one-half (½) hour before sunrise to sunset on Saturdays and Wednesdays from September 27 through November 30, 2008 and on Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays from December 3, 2008 through the end of each season.
40. **BOATS.** Ducks, coots, mergansers, geese and tundra swans may be taken from a floating craft, excluding a sinkbox, if such craft is beached, or fastened within or tied immediately along side any type of fixed hunting blind, or from such craft resting at anchor.
41. **SPECIAL YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING SEASON.** Legally licensed residents and non-residents 15 years of age or younger may hunt ducks, coots, mergansers and geese statewide on September 20 and 21, 2008. An adult, at least 18 years of age, must accompany the youth hunter into the field. The adult may not hunt ducks, coots, or mergansers. Shooting hours for the Special Youth Waterfowl Hunting Season shall be one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. The daily bag limit, including species restrictions and all other regulations that apply to the regular duck and goose hunting seasons and the Early September Canada goose season shall apply to this special season.
42. **ELECTRONIC AND RECORDED CALLS.** Possession or use of an electronic or recorded call is prohibited while hunting waterfowl.

43. **VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.**

Exceeding the daily bag of restricted species/sex ducks (Section 37)--penalty - noncriminal-\$50 for one bird in excess of the daily limit. A second bird or second violation within one year shall be a Class B misdemeanor.

Exceeding the daily bag of waterfowl (not restricted species/sex ducks) (Section 37 and 38) -- noncriminal-\$100 for one bird in excess of daily limit. A second bird or second violation within one year shall be a Class B Misdemeanor.

Hunting before or after legal hours (Section 39) up to 30 min.--penalty - noncriminal-\$100. In excess of 30 min.- Class B misdemeanor.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the Great Seal of North Dakota this 20 day of August 2008.

/s/
John Hoeven
Governor

Attest:

/s/
Secretary of State

Deputy